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REMARKS**1. Status of Claims**

Claims 1-4, 11, 15-30, 37, 41-63, 65-66, 70-73, 80, 84-91, 98, and 102-115 are pending in the application. Claims 5-10, 12-14, 31-36, 38-40, 64, 67-69, 74-79, 81-83, 92-97, and 99-101 are cancelled.

2. Amendments to the Claims

No amendments have been made to the claims.

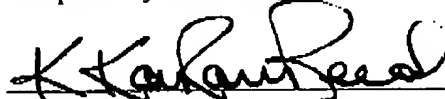
3. Nonstatutory Double-Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-4, 11, 15-30, 37, 41-63, 65-66, 70-73, 80, 84-91, 98, and 102-115 have been provisionally rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 36-49 of copending U.S. patent application 09/800,418. Applicants respectfully traverse this ground for rejection. However, in the interest of furthering prosecution of this application, Applicants herein submit a terminal disclaimer directed to copending U.S. patent application 09/800,418 to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the provisional rejection of the claims over claims 36-49 of copending U.S. patent application 09/800,418 on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting be withdrawn.

4. Final Remarks

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims under consideration, claims 1-4, 11, 15-30, 37, 41-63, 65-66, 70-73, 80, 84-91, 98, and 102-115 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned patent attorney at (832) 813-4339 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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